WWII Research Project

115 Topic Jigsaw

During this WWII project, you will be using research to understand 115 topics that would have been known by Anne Frank during the 1940’s. Your job as a researcher is to complete your piece of the puzzle by completing the tasks below.

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| 1. Notecards: 20 research notecards; proper format;  relevant data | /20 |
| 2. Works Cited page: proper layout; all sources documented | /20 |
| 3. Data Sheet: title; 10 most relevant facts; So What?;  picture; citations for statistics, quotes, etc. | /20 |
| 4. Presentation:   * Research accuracy and content /20 * Oral Presentation Skills /10 | /30 |
| Total: | /90 |

Notes:

**Voyage of the *St. Louis***

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* The *St. Louis* set sail in May 13, 1936 with Jewish passengers trying to escape German oppression.
* It contained 936 passengers; all but 6 were Jewish (Bachrach, 29).
* The *St . Louis* steamed across the Atlantic Ocean to Cuba.
* On the voyage, passengers held celebrated their escape from Germany.
* All passengers had visas to enter Cuba, but when it arrived in Havana, Cuba’s President refused to let them enter the country
* The ship then attempted to port in Miami, but the U.S. Coast Guard denied docking and made sure passengers didn’t jump and swim to the U.S.
* The ship set sail back to Europe on June 6, 1939, and returned to Belgium on June 17.
* Passengers got off in 4 different countries: 287 went to Great Britain; 214 went to Belgium; 224 to France; and 181 to the Netherlands (The History Place- Holocaust Timeline, online)
* All these countries- except England- would be overrun by Germany, and the Jewish citizens would be sent to concentration camps.
* Of the 936 passengers, all but the 287 who got off in London would be sent to German concentration camps (Bachrach, 29)
* So What? The St. Louis shows that people were desperate to escape Germany, but the U.S. did not show compassion and help their escape.